

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on April 9, 2008 which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 10, 12-25 and 27-30 are pending in this application. Claims 23 and 26 are canceled herein, without prejudice, merely to expedite consideration and allowance of the application. The Applicants respectfully reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein, either at a later time during the prosecution of this application or any continuing applications.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice.

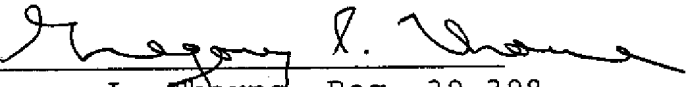
The Applicants want to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 23-25 and 27-30 are allowable. By this amendment, the subject matter indicated as allowable in claim 23 is incorporated into independent claim 10. Further, claims 24-25 are presented herein in independent form. Accordingly, it is respectfully

requested that claims 10, 24 and 25 be allowed. Further, claims 12-22 and 27-30 depend from claim 10 and are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained therein. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 12-22 and 27-30 also be allowed.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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